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# Campus marks Red Flag Campaign

**Tyler Parks**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month across the nation and Fort Hays State University will be spreading awareness with the Red Flag Campaign throughout the month.

The Women's Leadership Project is spearheading the campaign for the third year and hopes to generate awareness across campus.

"Domestic violence on college campuses is an increasing statistics. This is to help people who might be in an abusive relationship and not realize it," said graduate student **Jen Verhagen**, the project coordinator for the Center for Civic Leadership.

The red flags on campus symbolize the warning signs in abusive relationships and will be a part of many events throughout the month. The campaign was created to spread awareness and promote prevention of dating violence on college campuses nationwide.

"We are having different events during the month of October to help educated women about this

issue," said senior **Brittney Jacobs**, a WLP student coordinator.

The campaign focuses around "bystander intervention" in hopes that friends or others on campus will speak up when they see the warning signs or "red flags" of an abusive relationship.

Dating or sexual violence is a serious problem across the country with one in every five relationships having a partner being abused.

The WLP will have a booth at Oktoberfest as well as booths at the Lady Tigers Volleyball match on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

On Oct. 26 the Red Flag campaign will extend its reach by handing out information at the men's and women's soccer games starting at 6 p.m.

The Oct. 24 Times Talk "The Red Flag Campaign: Gender-Based Violence" will feature **Christie Brungard** and **Jessica Carrasco** discussing domestic violence in the Forsyth Library from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m.

"At the end of October, we are hosting a self-defense workshop, so girls learn different techniques

to protect themselves in bad situations," said Jacobs.

In addition to the self-defense workshop on Saturday, Oct. 27, the second Domestic Violence Summit with Options: Domestic and Sexual Violence Services will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Options is a Hays-based agency that provides services for women and children trying to escape domestic violence situations. It serves the 18 counties of northwest Kansas, with offices in Colby and Phillipsburg in addition to Hays. For more information on Options, visit [help4abuse.org](http://help4abuse.org) or call (785) 625-3055.

In addition to Options, the campus offers many different alternatives for help, including the SARA Project. SARA (Sexual Assault Response Advocate) provides an on-campus office to provide information and awareness about sexual assault and about procedures in a university setting.

For more information regarding Red Flag month contact the Women's Leadership Project at (785) 628-4312 or [womensleadershipproject@fhsu.edu](mailto:womensleadershipproject@fhsu.edu).



Jolie Green/Leader

To create awareness for Domestic Violence Awareness Month the Women's Leadership Project is the Red Flag Campaign. The flags symbolized the warning signs of abuse.

# Paint-A-Thon has large turnout Enrollment sees substantial growth

**Sydney Studer**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

On Saturday, Sept. 29, 75 students helped paint two houses for the community members of Hays.

Tigers in Service was in charge of the Paint-a-Thon. The organization is run by sophomores **Arin Powers** and **Becca Kohl**.

Kohl said she was very pleased with the turnout of the event.

"I think it went even better than I expected it to, actually," Kohl said. "We didn't have a specific plan like, 'these people paint this part of the house and these people scrape' and we were kind of worried that maybe that would make it difficult, but it actually went really well. Everyone was really cooperative. Just a lot of really nice people signed up."

"Better than expected" would be an understatement. The group had to cut down on the amount of volunteers because it would have been too crowded for all 120 students who signed up to attend.

"I asked them if they still needed people and they said they had way too many volunteers and only a few houses," sophomore **Allison Meier** said. "I wasn't upset that I didn't get to do the Paint-a-Thon, even though I was really looking forward to it. It's actually really cool that they had so many volunteers that they had to cut back. It speaks highly of our students and how much we are willing to help others."

The students that were involved in the Paint-a-Thon agree it was a huge success.

"I met so many new students," sophomore **Matt**



Carleigh Albers/Leader

Sophomore **Brenna Johnson** helps paint one of the two houses during the Paint-A-Thon last weekend. Tigers in Service was overwhelmed with the number of Volunteers.

**Spurlock** said. "It just makes you feel good inside to be able to help people out."

Many students signed up because they wanted to meet new people, but one student signed up because community service is something she believes is very important.

"I have been on many mission trips," said freshman **Katie Beck**. "I've been to inner Kansas City,

Wichita, Kentucky. It's important to be involved with community service because it's all about giving back to your community. It makes you feel good about yourself."

Kohl is very passionate about Tigers in Service, as it has made an impact on her life.

"I think community service is vital in college to really build a solid foundation for students'

lives," Kohl said. "They get basic knowledge of what it means to sacrifice your time and effort for the good of others, which is completely important to understand when pursuing a career or getting married and starting a family. Basically, community service makes me happy because it goes deeper than the surface. Happiness is only true when passed on or given," Kohl said.

**Tyler Parks**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

Monday, Sept. 17, marked the 20th day of the semester at Fort Hays State University and the census day for the Kansas Board of Regents. Every semester, the Board of Regents compiles enrollment data from all of Kansas's higher education programs using the 20th day as a standard for comparison of the previous years.

Fort Hays State University set an all-time enrollment record this fall semester with 13,310 students, up 508 students from the fall 2011 semester, a 3.97 percent growth over the last year's fall total.

"Fort Hays State in little Hays, Kan., is doing great things," said **Joey Linn**, associate vice president for Student Affairs.

The virtual college saw the largest growth with an increase of 524 students, up from 4,451 to 4,975, an 11.8 percent increase. This is not an indication that Fort Hays is serving less Kansans; the enrollment of Kansas residents is up 304 students from last fall to 6,745.

"We have had a strong growth both in the state and around the country," said **Dennis King**, director of the Virtual College and Learning Technologies.

King attributes the growth to the diversity, affordability, the partnership

with the military and the positive reputation both by word of mouth and social networking.

The virtual college serves every state in America and every county in Kansas and offers 40 degree programs.

The addition of the Student Engagement and Advising Center has made it easier on both online students and faculty members on campus. SEAC is specifically designed for recruitment, persistence and problem solving for the university's online students.

"We have put in front-line professionals advisers in place to work with the students. It helps the students to have a full time contact that will be here all year around. It alleviates some of the stress from the faculty member that helps improve their involvement both on and off campus," King said.

We are one of just a couple schools that has something like that and I think what we have put together is a great product in terms of engaging students," King said.

On campus enrollment also saw growth with a 1.3 percent increase from last fall's total with a headcount of 4,746, up 63 students from last fall's numbers.

The freshman class has 932 students this fall

**See Enrollment 2A**

## Weekend Weather

**Friday**



Hi: 57  
Lo: 36

AM Showers

**Saturday**



Hi: 52  
Lo: 26

AM Showers

**Sunday**



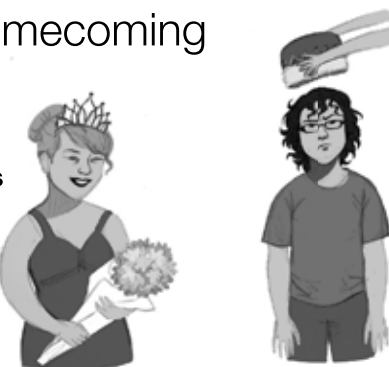
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Sunny

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Homecoming

**Eric Bader and Carleigh Albers discuss pros and cons of homecoming**



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# Students experience planetarium

**Sydney Studer**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

International Space Week is Oct. 1 to Oct. 5. To celebrate, Fort Hays State University is hosting a few major events to get students involved.

Sophomore **Megan Adams**, director of the observatory and planetarium, set up the second event: an inflatable planetarium. This took place on Monday, Oct. 1, in the Black and Gold room of the Memorial Union.

The planetarium allowed students and members of the community to enter and lay on the ground. Those who participated looked up at the “night sky” and learned about the different constellations and what would have been visible on Monday night.

Adams is very knowledgeable about constellations and had many stories to share.

“Do you guys know what this is?” Adams asked, inquiring about the Milky Way. “The story behind this

one is this woman trying to make cornflower and a dog came up and scoops up a whole bunch of her ground flour in his mouth and he runs off. So she starts chasing him and chasing him, but then she chases him so hard he runs into the sky.

As he runs across the sky, some of that cornflower drops out of his mouth, so it’s really just a big disgusting trail of cornflower and dog saliva.”

Adams said the story is very unique because some cultures share it with their children.

“It was good to do that,” Adams said. “They have this conception that the heavens are perfect and never changing, but there’s very gory and disgusting stories out there. There’s a lot of Greek mythology.”

Adams explained that most of the “people” who are up in the sky as constellations are there because they are either dead or being punished.

“Hercules is quite dead,” Adams said. “Scorpius over here is being punished.”

Adams also explained the story of Thor.

“One of my favorite mythology stories is actually Greek mythology,” Adams said. “Have you guys seen maybe the ‘Thor’ movie or ‘The Avengers’? Okay, so Thor. He was good-natured, a little bit hot-headed, but in actual mythology, Thor was very dark and very angry all the time. So, Orlando the Giant had this bright idea.

While Thor was out getting drunk, he was going to steal some of Thor’s treasure. So Orlando the Giant slipped off his shoes and started tiptoeing to Thor’s storeroom, where he saw massive piles of treasure.

He tried to be sneaky, but Thor, no matter how drunk he was, could feel a threat because he was the god of war as well as the god of thunder.

So Thor darts into the storeroom and Orlando just bolts and was just running across these frozen wastelands trying to get away from this angry guy. And he’s running for so long, with bare feet across frozen



McKenzie Wiles/Leader  
Students were able to see the constellations such as the Horsehead Nebula pictured above as they appear in the sky.

wastelands, that one of his feet actually freezes itself to the ground and he looks back and sees Thor running at him and he reaches down and he rips off his toe and throws it to the side.

This constellation opens up to the north and is called the Alpha Coronae Borealis,” Adams said.

In addition to her knowledge of constellations, Adams helps in the Conservatory, which is located on the roof of Tomanek.

“The Conservatory is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.,” Adams said.

Throughout the whole week, the Forsyth Library has an exhibit about NASA with posters from the 1970s and 1980s. Tiles from different space shuttles, space food and cameras will also be available to the students and community of Fort Hays.

Enrollment from 1A —

beating last fall’s school record of 926. Of that, 91 are residents of Sedgwick County, who has seen large growth, increasing 139.47 percent in the last five years alone. Colorado and Nebraska are also well represented in this year’s freshman class with 78 and 46 students respectively.

With small towns in western Kansas shrinking and class sizes becoming smaller, recruiting in those areas doesn’t yield the results it used to. Fort Hays is forced Fort Hays to look elsewhere for prospective students.

“Our admissions operation has done a good job of expanding and recruiting,” Linn said.

Western Kansas makes up 42.5 percent of this year’s freshman class, with Ellis County sending 44.5 percent of its last year’s high school graduates to Fort Hays. Hays High alone sent 52 percent of their 2012 graduating class to Fort Hays.

“We still get great market penetration in western Kansas. There just isn’t as many there. What we have had to do in the last couple years is look elsewhere, we just can’t forget about out bread and butter in our back yard. We have to hit western Kansas hard in recruiting,” Linn said.

The partnership with China was the only area to see loss with a 2.2 percent decrease from the previous fall, falling from 3,667 to 3,589, a 79 student loss.

Growth is nothing new for Fort Hays, which has grown in the last decade. The total enrollment in the 2000 fall semester was only 5,506, with 934 of those being online students and only 40 international students at the time. Even five years ago in the 2007 fall semester, enrollment was 9,588, that is an increase of 3,722 students in the past five years an astonishing 28 percent increase.

The university has a strategic plan to obtain overall enrollment of 20,000 students by 2020 with an on-campus enrollment of 7,500 and the domestic virtual college to have 8,500 students.

“We have basically seven more years to continue our growth and if we continue on the pace we are on now, we will get that,” King said.

Of the seven public universities in Kansas, three saw growth from last fall’s numbers. Fort Hays saw the biggest increase percentage-wise. The schools combined for a 152-student decline a loss of .15 percent across the seven universities.

# Rockets launch Space Week

**Austin Koeller**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

With Space Week kicking off this week at Fort Hays State University, it was time to hold the first event. Space Week started Sept. 29, as a crowd turned out at the Ellis County Fairgrounds for the community rocket launch.

The launch was put on by Paul Adams, director of the Science and Math Institute at Fort Hays, and John Heinrichs, geosciences professor at Fort Hays.

“We’ve been doing this for at least seven years now,” Heinrichs said. Before the rockets flew, Adams checked the wind speed using a wind gauge to confirm that the wind speeds were adequate for the launch.

“We check the wind speed before the launch. We cut off at 12 mph. High wind speeds affect the way that the rockets fly,” Adams said.

Before the launch, Heinrichs explained the science behind the rockets.

“Rockets fly at high altitudes and can go a few thousand feet easily,” said Heinrichs. “Rockets may fly straight up or they may curve.”

At the launch, Adams stated that he and Heinrichs had rockets that people could launch at the event.

“They just have to press the button to launch,” Adams

said. Once the launch was ready to begin, Adams and Heinrichs put five rockets on the pad, before launching each rocket one at a time.

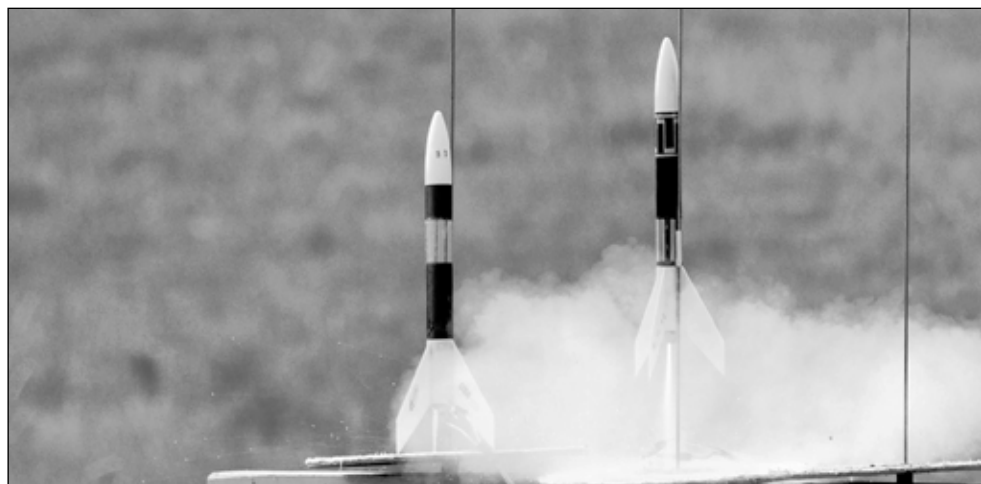
“It makes setup easier and we can launch faster,” Adams said.

As the launchers prepared to launch their rockets, Heinrichs advised the crowd to move back. The crowd moved away from the launch pad on one side with the spectators on the other side.

Adams then aided each launcher with launching their rocket while Heinrichs led the crowd in a countdown before the rockets were launched. The rockets flew high into the air before falling.

At first, most of the rockets landed right in front of the launchers. As the launch went on, the rockets began to curve, landing in the nearby field where launchers had to climb over barbed wire fence to retrieve their rockets.

Adams told the crowd that they would delay the launch for a few minutes while the launchers got their rockets. After the launchers had the opportunity to launch their own rockets, Heinrichs put on his own show by launching a larger rocket. The crowd watched as Heinrich’s rocket flew high into the air, sparks flying behind it, and shouted out comments such as, “Awe-



Courtney Riggle/Leader  
The Science and Math Institute kicked off space week by launching rockets last Saturday at the Ellis County Fair Grounds.

some!” and “Cool!”

After the launch, the majority of those attending agreed that they had a good time at the event.

“It was a blast,” Jessica Prosper of Hays said. “I wanted it to spark an interest with my kids. We never had this kind of stuff when I was younger and I wanted to expose them to it.”

Linda Garner of Hays agreed with Prosper on the event’s success.

“Working at FHSU, I got the message [about the launch] and brought my grandchildren,” Garner said.

“It was way cool to see the rockets launch and to see them working with the kids, showing them how to launch the rockets. I would enjoy doing this next year,” Garner said.

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### Fri., Oct. 5th & Sat., Oct. 6th

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### Wednesday, Oct. 17th

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### JB & THE MOONSHINE BAND

### live on Wednesday, Oct 24th.



# Homecoming full of silly gimmicks

**Eric Bader**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



It is an event that is as difficult to miss as possible. Huge banners stretch across the quad, cutting off useful shortcut lanes, while the announcement boards in most buildings on campus are cluttered like some sort of grotesque paper Christmas tree. Why? Because someone wants you to vote for them for a thing that doesn't matter.

I'm all about voting – see my column last week, wherein I urge all students to vote in the upcoming general election. Here's the difference, though: I'm all about voting for things that have merit. Homecoming royalty is a thing that does not have merit.

I suppose it's fine in high school. There's generally a greater sense of community in a high school than in college, particularly in small towns where just about everyone knows everyone else. Here, though, it seems much weirder.

The primary problem with voting for homecoming royalty is that it alienates a majority of the campus. For people who don't know or care about any of the candidates, what's the point? Besides, it's a nonrepresentative sample: Members of sororities and fraternities get better numbers than everyone else because they have a bevy of students who are honor-bound by their Greek blood oath to vote with the party line.

Furthermore,

the sporting aspect of the event seems to have tenuous ties – at best – to the popularity contest side. Yes, I appreciate that the football team is “coming home,” hence the name. But how does that relate to voting in a “king” and “queen” to be paraded around during halftime?

Perhaps my biggest issue is that there is some sort of history or tradition I am simply incapable of comprehending. There are so many questions that probably nobody bothers to think about. Why is this home game special, when there are so many others? Do the king and queen get to live in the tiny castle house on 11th Street? Will there be a bloody coup to replace their tyrannical reign with something more representative of the people?

✓ To re-

turn to the point, homecoming is silly. But it's unlikely that the majority of people will ever concur with that sentiment. Until then, we have to deal with the silliness and the begging for votes. Regrettably, homecoming coincides with Oktoberfest, which is a recipe for drunken disaster. Allow me to take a moment to repeat what I'm sure you're bored to death with hearing: Don't be a drunken disaster. And remember that Safe Ride will pick you up no matter where you are, assuming you've managed not to wander outside the city limits.

**Carleigh Albers**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



The atmosphere of campus seems to ignite when homecoming rolls around. The students have a little pep in their step and the unity of being a Tiger lingers in the air.

This is the best thing about homecoming:

the feeling of being united as one student body.

Every fall, Fort Hays State University celebrates homecoming by putting on king and queen elections, a parade with various themes and having a football game on Saturday. It's the only time I truly feel that the students actually care that they are Tigers.

A great aspect about homecoming is the bonfire on Thursday night. It's a giant pep rally to get the students pumped up about the football game. Did I mention there's fire?

On the way to the bonfire, those who attend walk a route called the “Snake Dance” that winds its way through campus to pick up students at different residential

areas. It's a unique and different way to celebrate our school that some never got to experience in high school. Plus, who doesn't love a good bonfire?

The parade is on Saturday morning, and it is a good way to showcase the different organizations on campus and show off students' creativity with the present theme. Parades also mean free candy, which means smiles on people's faces.

Another addition to the homecoming week is the election of the homecoming king and queen. You can support your organization by voting for your favorite nominated couple.

Most of the nominated couples have Facebook events to let students know they're running, but some have even resorted to doing YouTube advertising. There are also doodles on the sidewalks all over campus – I'm sure you've seen them. It's interesting to see who comes up with the most creative way to campaign.

What I look forward to most is going to the football game and seeing all the Tiger supporters. The fans range from young to old. Fort Hays has been around since 1902, so there are a lot of alumni.

While most of us didn't pick the school for its athletic program, we still can take pride in the fact that we are Tigers for life.

Support your school and attend the homecoming festivities. Take a break from all the studying you've been doing and have some fun with your peers. Sport the black and gold with pride. You won't regret it.

And if you really want to get into it, run for king or queen next year. That's the spirit.



## Voting makes difference

**Austin Koeller**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



At the height of the political season, there is one word that seems to stick out: vote.

On television, commercials are urging people everywhere to vote. In recent weeks, the Fort Hays State University American Democracy Project has been leading efforts to get students registered to vote along with helping them request an absentee ballot through TurboVote. Later this month, the ADP will hold “Rock the Vote” to further encourage people to vote.

The Political Science department is offering roundtable discussions and the university is screening each of the presidential debates at various places on campus.

With all of the efforts going on to get students to vote in the general election next month, does

voting really matter?

My answer is yes. Your vote matters significantly.

In this country, we all have an equal opportunity to voice our opinion on key issues. By voting, you can express how you feel about certain issues.

If you are reading this, you are most likely a college student. One of the key issues for college students is being able to afford college. As students, we want tuition rates to stay low and for loan rates to be low to be able to pay them back in the future.

By casting one single vote, you have your say in policy by voting for the candidate who best reflects your views of higher education. By casting that one vote, you may just be casting a vote for more federal money allotted for college education in the form of loans and grants. What college student wouldn't want that?

If you have a job – or are unemployed – you can vote for the candidate whose plan will either help you keep your job or create jobs to help stimulate the economy.

When the President or a member of Congress votes for something which angers people, they complain about it. The people

who vote have the right to complain, as either they did not vote for the person to implement that policy in the first place, or they did not get what they expected out of their vote. If you don't vote, you have no basis on which to complain, since you did not vote to either support or oppose candidates and their proposed plans.

When you don't vote, you leave everyone else to vote for you. The majority of people may vote the way that reflects your beliefs, or they may vote the exact opposite.

Do you want someone else that holds completely different views than yours voting for you? The founding fathers designed our country to be a democracy in which citizens vote for representatives to represent their interests.

By taking just a few minutes to check the box on the ballot, you are letting your voice be heard as well as having a meaningful impact on government in your country, state and hometown.

If you have not registered to vote or requested an absentee ballot, I highly encourage you to do so. Your vote does make a difference.

## Gen eds valuable education

**Molly Walter**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER



When a tsunami is coming, do not go down to the beach to watch it. You cannot outrun it.

That gem of information I learned in my environmental geology class, one of the many general education courses I've been required to take while in college. It's a pretty pointless bit of info for living in the middle of Kansas, wouldn't you say? I'm probably never going to encounter a tsunami, but if I do, I know not to go to the beach.

I've taken quite a few pointless gen eds just to get the credits I need in that area – not saying environmental geology is pointless; it's quite educational.

But we're all required to take somewhere around 60 hours of general education courses, many of which are specific. I can't count how many times I've heard someone say, “This class is

so dumb. When am I ever going to use this in my life?”

News flash, guys – gen eds are required for a reason. They actually are extremely helpful, and you will use the information learned. Some are a little silly, but they teach us how to study and be a better student, if nothing else.

What about “Introduction to Computer Information Systems” – better known as MIS 101 or “Intro to stuff you knew when you were eight.” No one is sure why that class is still required since we've all practically grown up using computers. We should know how to use Microsoft Word, Excell and PowerPoint.

But, surprisingly, I only know a couple people that have gotten an A in MIS 101. Now, is your less than average grade because you thought the class was pointless and didn't try or the class covered something you didn't know already?

I admit it – I didn't try very hard in that class. I started with the impression that already knew everything, but I actually learned a lot – mostly in Excel. But that itself is the reason for gen eds. You do learn something. I use the functions I learned in MIS 101 in Excel all the time.

Composition classes are especially important. Even if you think you know how to write, you probably don't. That's not derogatory toward you. I'm still learning.

High school didn't teach you how to write – unless you had an amazing English teacher. High schools mostly just care about test scores, so they teach you how to read and comprehend what you're reading and not how to write, unfortunately.

You write countless things every day – emails, notes, essays, resumes. Composition classes help you improve your writing. And you'll have to write in your job – even if you think you're not going into a job where you'll have to write, you are.

Again, gen eds teach you valuable things you'll probably use often, or at least at some point in your life. That's why we have them.

Besides that, for those college students that don't know what they want to major in, gen eds are vital. Gen eds give students the opportunity to explore different possibilities – even if it is MIS 101.

Every once in a while, you do have a silly gen ed. Be thankful for the filler class.

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Randy and Jason Sklar, twin brothers, comedians and sportcasters, speak to the audience during their act in Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center last night. The brothers, hosts of an ESPN program, spoke about food, hair and age.

# Sklar Brothers provide double dose of humor

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REVIEW

The University Activities Board sponsored an event in Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center last night. This was a show by the Sklar Brothers, twins Randy and Jason Sklar. The duo is famous for their ESPN show “Cheap Seats,” their podcast, “Sklarbro Country” and for appearances in TV shows and movies such as “Grey’s Anatomy,” “Law and Order,” “Wild Hogs” and “Bubble Boy.”

The brothers opened their show by describing the trip to Hays. “We were at the Atlanta Airport and we saw this lady sitting down riding the escalator,” Randy said. “Are we really that lazy as a society?”

Jason also told the crowd about his airport experience by talking about the long airport security lines. “I imagine myself being a better person on the other side of the security line,” Jason said. “I’ll quit smoking.”

Upon arriving in Hays, the duo decided to check out the town. “We went cruising around when we got off the plane,” Jason

said. “We saw the coolest mullet ever.” The twins then made jokes about mullets and suggested that the “Mullet Hall of Fame” should be located inside a Super Cuts.

As the crowd laughed at their jokes, Randy decided to take a serious turn by making a confession to the crowd. “We do a terrible job at keeping up with the Kardashians,” Randy said. “It’s a sad time in our lives.”

At another point in the show, the brothers took the time to complain about each other and their ages. Randy attempted to ignore this fact and proceeded to talk about food. “I don’t want to hear you talk about your food. I want to hear what you have to complain about,” Jason told his brother.

Randy kept with his own topic. “I was served a turkey burger and it only came with pickles and onions,” Randy said. The duo said that they were 40 years old and thought of themselves as “old.” “I called the cops on my neighbor for partying for the first time,” Jason said. “It was only 9:30, but I was trying to watch ‘Mad Men.’”

The duo closed their

show by talking about their kids. “Reading to my kids is the most wonderful thing, unless it is bad writing,” Randy said.

“The Five Little Monkeys’ would be horrible from the perspective of the doctor,” Jason said. “You have this crazy lady calling you every night with the same scenario.”

Upon completing their show, the brothers sold merchandise such as CDs and shirts. They also took pictures with those who attended their show. The audience agreed that the show was a huge success. “It was funny when they both talked at the same time,” said freshman **Michelle Quinones**.

“I liked the part about the Atlanta airport,” said freshman **Jessi Haulman**. “It is so true!”

Freshman and UAB member **DJ Hightower** felt that the event put on by his group was well-enjoyed by the crowd. “We wanted to bring a little bit of variety to campus,” Hightower said. “I think it went pretty well. It brought a lot of laughs.”

The UAB plans to entertain students in the future by sponsoring similar events.

# ‘Looper’ contends for best film of year

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REVIEW

For the last decade or so, it seems that most of the roles Bruce Willis takes are cliché send-offs of his “Die Hard” character John McClane, which he takes the opportunity to phone in whenever he can.

He rarely takes chances as he did earlier in his career, and he often appears to be a mere caricature of his former self. Luckily, Rian Johnson’s newest film, “Looper,” allows Willis to show off the acting chops he has not used since the mid-’90s.

“Looper” is a science fiction/action film set in a dystopian future where the homeless overrun the streets and gangsters have a stranglehold on society. Time travel has not been invented yet, but it has been in 30 years, where it is illegal. The mob uses time travel to send back enemies they need murdered, where men called “loopers” dispose of the bodies quickly. When a looper named Joe is forced to kill the future version of himself, chaos ensues as the future Joe attempts to change the fate he was given.

The plot sounds confusing, but Johnson wrote and directed the film in a way that keeps viewers

at the edge of their seats and forces them to pay attention to every detail. Its mixture of action with science fiction and noir make this a film that has something for everyone, and fans should not shy away because it sounds like it came straight from the “Star Trek” universe. This film goes much deeper than an ordinary science-fiction action-adventure.

The script is amazing, and despite the interweaving plot, the audience will not leave confused due to Johnson’s extreme attention to detail. Every loose end is tied up by the film’s finish, making every single scene in the film crucial to the plot. “Looper” runs for nearly two hours, but after leaving, viewers will feel like they could have sat there for twice as long.

The acting is phenomenal throughout the entire film, and there is not a single actor who does not bring their A-game. Willis is at his best and has not delivered a performance this great since “12 Monkeys” in 1995. The script gives him a chance to be the action star he is famous for, and a scene towards the end of the second act will trump every scene he had in either of “The Expendables” movies.

Joseph Gordon Levitt redeems himself after his terrible role in “Premium Rush,” and his imperson-

ation of a younger Bruce Willis is spot-on. With the help of a prosthetic nose, he manages to perfect the pained facial expression Willis has had for the majority of his career. His chemistry with Emily Blunt is outstanding, and this proves he deserves to be considered one of the top actors of our time.

Blunt plays against her type and delivers one of the best female performances of the year in her role as a tough-as-nails famer whose only goal is to provide for her child. While it takes some time for her character to appear, she shows her importance as her character unravels throughout the second half of film.

While the adults were top-notch in their roles, it was child actor Pierce Gagnon who stole the show with an outstanding performance for someone so young. He shows amazing maturity in his role, and it was impossible not to rave about him after leaving the theater.

“Looper” is a film that needs to be seen by everyone, and it should be seen immediately. If “The Avengers” had not been released earlier this year, Rian Johnson’s latest effort would be the best film of 2012 – even including “The Dark Knight Rises.” Everyone should head to the theaters with the first chance they get to see this original take on time travel.



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# Flutes and faculty

Faculty flautist Hilary Shepard performs with music Department Chair Ben Cline during her faculty recital on Sept. 20 in Palmer Hall. Shepard’s recital was the second of the year; the next event is the Faculty Showcase this Tuesday.

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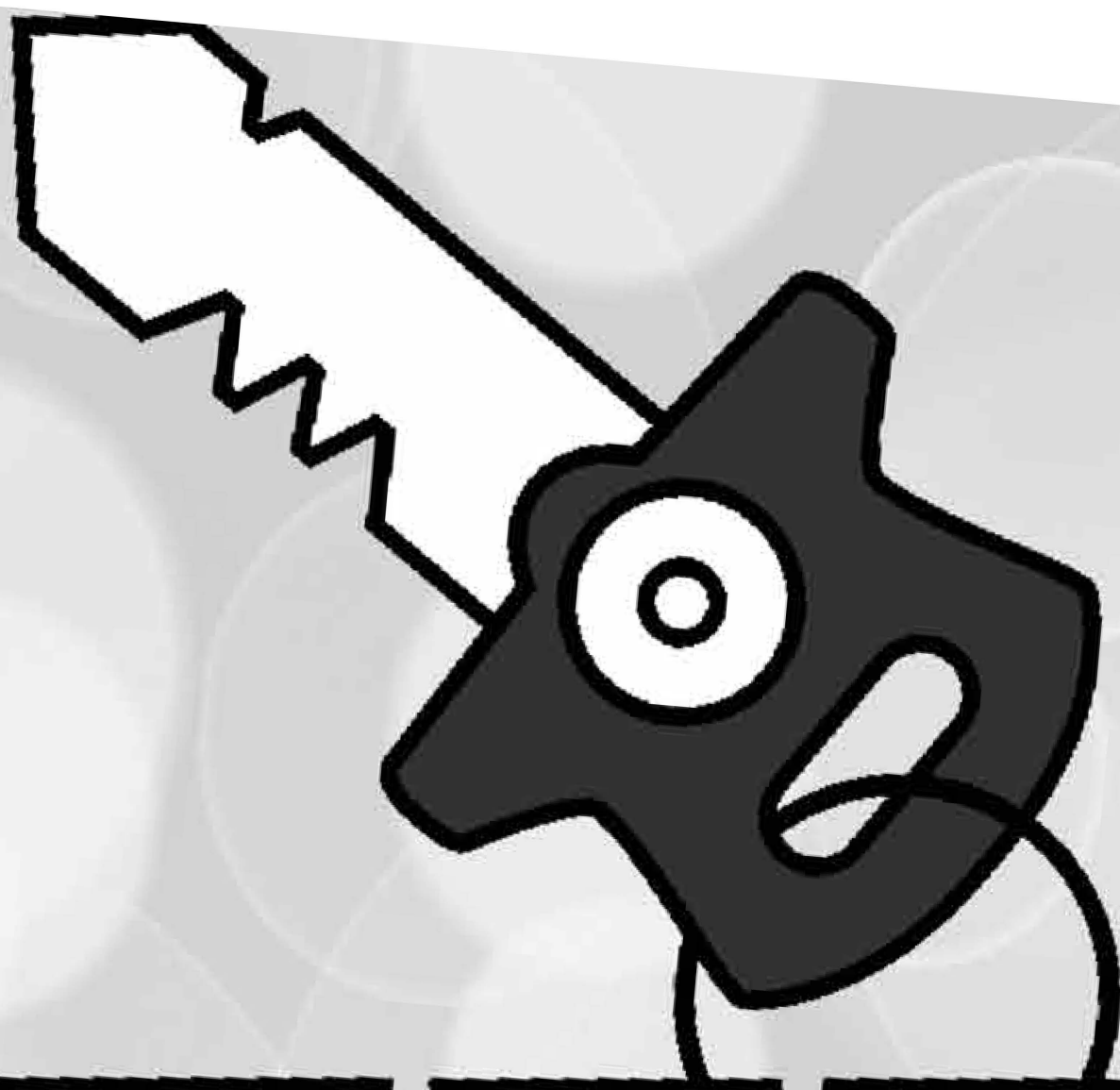
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Cast members scramble for a suitcase full of evidence during a dress rehearsal of “Curtains” Tuesday night. The musical, which focuses on a murder mystery, is Fringe Theatre’s first production of the year. “Curtains” runs tonight, tomorrow and Sunday in Felten-Start Theatre.

# It’s ‘Curtains’ for Fringe Theatre

**Taylor Deutscher**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

REVIEW

Last night was the opening night for the production of “Curtains,” put on by the Fort Hays State University Department of Music and Theatre. Under the direction of Tomme Williams and Dr. Terry Crull, the cast and crew are sure to put on a great show for students and the community.

The comical production at first may seem confusing, but the confusion disappears as it becomes clear that the musical is about a group of people putting on a musical.

The star of the musical within the musical, Jessica Cranshaw, is played by sophomore **Katie Glading**, but her character is short-lived, as she dies in the beginning of the show. Senior **Vanessa North**, as Georgia Hendricks, switches her role from lyricist to actress to take Cranshaw’s place. This leaves Aaron Fox, played by junior **Michael Ritzel**, with the responsibility of writing all of the songs by himself.

A serious turn of events takes place after Lieutenant Frank Cioffi, played by

sophomore **L.J. Kemper**, steps in and announces that Cranshaw has been murdered. No one is allowed to leave the building as long as the investigation is still underway, as everyone is a suspect in the murder.

Despite the suspense, freshman **Ryan Ross’s** role as Director Christopher Belling was hilarious throughout the show.

“I’m definitely the comic relief. It kind of allows a bit of a respite from the intensity of the play, because there are a lot of people dying and there are a lot of really suspenseful moments,” Ross said.

Kemper plays the male lead role in the musical who tries to unveil the murderer while expressing his love for theatre.

“I feel a little pressure. I’m not worried so much. It adds a little bit of stress, memorizing 272 lines. Yes, I count them. But it’s fun. I enjoy it a lot,” Kemper said.

While trapped in the theatre, Cioffi makes his crush on Niki Harris obvious. Theirs is a relationship that progresses throughout the show. Playing the part of Harris was sophomore **Hayley Funk**.

The show has come far with such little practice time.

“I’m surprised how easily it came together with how short of time we had. We put this together much more quickly than most shows come together, so it was impressive,” Ross said.

“We started really early, running entire acts instead of just a scene at a time. Tomme is fantastic. She’s getting amazing work done, and I have tons of respect for her. The same with Dr. Crull. He’s got the music really under control, and he did that at a really early point,” Kemper said.

Along with the acting and music, the choreography came together in a short amount of time. Senior **Colin Miller** is in charge of choreography, and also plays the part of Bobby Pepper.

“I figured coming in having a lot of people who don’t have large amounts of dance experience was going to be really difficult, but it turned out that the actors here are so professional and so hard-working. It went so smoothly. Everyone was really excited and willing to work from the get-go,” Miller said.

“We’ve had a lot of ups and downs in terms of musicals in the last couple of years, and I think everything has really come

together this year. We’ve got the score, we’ve got the talent, and we’ve got the people directing us. I think we’re going to put it together really well,” Miller said.

An addition to the set is an eerie haze running along the top of the theatre by lighting designer super senior **Zach Weeks**.

Actors of the musical hope to see the Felten-Start Theatre filled up for the shows this weekend.

“The performance is going to be fantastic. We’ve got an amazing cast and crew. It’s got some amazing humor in it. A little bit sketchy sometimes, but that just makes it all the better for most people,” Kemper said.

“It’s hilarious, it’s raunchy, it’s got catchy music, and it will leave you on the edge of your seat, both laughing and waiting to see who the actual killer is,” Ross said.

The second performance of “Curtains” is tonight at 7:30. It will also be showing tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. All shows will be in the Felten-Start Theatre, located in Malloy Hall.

Tickets are priced at \$7 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for the public.

# Go Radio keeps going

**Zach Walker**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

REVIEW

Jason Lancaster wants us to forget about that one band – the band he used to sing and play piano in before he left the group in 2007 after recording “A Lesson in Romantics,” an album that arguably holds the distinction as the group’s best work to date. The band that Lancaster left is called Mayday Parade – a band with a massive fan following in alternative music.

After leaving Mayday Parade in 2007, Lancaster formed a new band three months later called Go Radio. Go Radio sounds like a combination of many different bands and styles. After releasing their superb debut album “Lucky Street” last year, Go Radio has come back with a new album titled “Close The Distance.”

The first two songs from “Close The Distance” show Go Radio pushing towards a new, mature sound not present on “Lucky Street.” The opening track, “I Won’t Lie,” is a song that sounds primed to make a run at radio glory this fall. The track begins with the group singing a few “Ohhs” over a booming drum beat with a quiet but fitting guitar riff in the background.

When the song hits its chorus, it takes off to new heights. Lancaster’s voice soars through the air as he sings, “You are the way my heart beats and you are the words my tongue speaks.” Trust me when I say this lyric and song will be the focus of many Facebook statuses in due time.

The second track, “Baltimore,” is a mid-tempo jam that contains plenty of lyrics about romance and love that Lancaster has become known for in the past couple of years. Packing a beautiful strings section, “Baltimore” is a song that stays at the same pace throughout the entire song, yet it is still one of the best tracks on the record.

After the first two tracks, I wanted to hear a guitar-driven song and I had that provided by the first single off the album, “Collide.” The track begins with a repetitive guitar riff that carries through the verses of the song before the band launches into a chorus of “Whoa-oh’s” as Lancaster sings, “And you be the reason/I’ll be the rhyme/ We’ve both got way too much ahead/To worry ‘bout what we’ve left behind.”

While “Collide” is a

slam dunk of a choice for the first single, the second single, “Go To Hell,” pales in comparison. “Go To Hell” is an obvious stab at mainstream radio by Go Radio. The single fits well on pop radio with its angst-filled chorus and fun tone, but “Go To Hell” actually ruins the cohesiveness of the album, and it sounds like something that a generic rock band would write – not a band like Go Radio, who has touched on everything from the topic of death to religion.

Missing from “Close The Distance” are the gritty guitar parts and ambitious build-ups in songs that helped to make their first album, “Lucky Street,” so special. Many of the songs on “Close The Distance” lack the big punch that was woven through nearly every song on “Lucky Street.” The furious assault of guitars on tracks has evaporated and been replaced by Lancaster’s piano. The guitars are definitely missed on the new album to say the least.

“Close The Distance” really misses the build-ups that “Lucky Street” presented. While every song on “Lucky Street” was unpredictable and fresh, nearly all of the songs on the new record are mid-tempo jams. Most of the songs on this album sound great on their own, but in terms of an entire album, it lacks diversity and the album as a whole begins to develop a stale feeling by the end of the album.

The four tracks I mentioned earlier aren’t the only ones worth noting. “Things I Don’t See” is one of the best tracks Go Radio has ever written and it shows Go Radio displaying its newer, more mature sound while incorporating the resilient rock on their first album.

The closing track, “Hear Me Out,” is a song that will surely tug on the heartstrings of listeners as it displays Go Radio’s ability to write a ballad that touches every human emotion.

Overall, “Close The Distance” is a step down from “Lucky Street,” but at the end of the day, it demonstrates Go Radio moving in the right direction as a band. I guarantee in the next five to ten years, Go Radio will write an album that will go as a masterpiece. If they can work out the kinks of their first two albums and combine the great elements of both albums that work, Go Radio will be an unstoppable force in music, and Jason Lancaster will finally be known as the guy who started Go Radio – not the man who left Mayday Parade.

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# Tigers pick up first season win

**Taylor Deutscher**  
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The Fort Hays State University football team acquired its first win of the season while on the road against Truman State University last Saturday.

The Tigers traveled to Kirksville, Mo., for the second straight year. This year Fort Hays took charge and won the game 37-23.

Fort Hays was the first to put points up on the board after a fake punt by junior **Cameron Owens** and a touchdown by sophomore **Tarean Austin**.

The Tiger lead didn't last long, as Truman scored with little time left in the first quarter.

Freshman **Tre'veon Albert** sent the ball to senior **Cornelius Gallon** for a 53-yard touchdown pass on the first play of the second quarter, giving the Tigers a 14-7 advantage.

The Bulldogs proved that they wouldn't be defeated easily after they kicked a field goal, narrowing the score to 14-10.

Fort Hays retaliated with yet another touchdown by senior **Grant Brown**. The Tigers went into halftime with the 21-10 lead, a first for the season.

The Tigers seemed to lose some momentum after halftime, as they failed to score points in the third quarter.

They picked the pace back up in the final quarter with a 2-yard touchdown pass from Austin to sophomore **Treyvias Alexander** for a 28-10 lead.

Truman came back as well with two touchdowns, bringing the score to a close 28-23.

Fort Hays gained some insurance with freshman **Drew O'Brien's** field goal with three minutes left in the game.

Austin finished the game with an impressive 67-yard touchdown run with only 42 seconds left, sealing the win for the Tigers.

The Tigers totaled 348 rushing yards, improving from last year's 314 rushing yards last year.

Leading the rushing attack was Austin with 136 yards. He had two touchdowns on 13 carries. On top of that, Austin threw for 140 yards.

Freshman **Addie Brown** had 87 rushing yards, with Albert close behind for 81 yards.

Senior **Layton Hickel** was named MIAA Defensive Player of the Week after his performance against Truman. He had a total of 15 tackles in the game, along with a forced fumble. He is tied with senior **Austin Hubert** with 42 tackles.

With the hopes of another win, Fort Hays will host Lindenwood this Saturday for the homecoming game. The game will start at 7 p.m. at Lewis Field Stadium.



Jolie Green/Leader

Freshman Addie Brown runs the ball past a Griffon defender. The Tigers are now 1-4 overall, and in the MIAA. Fort Hays football celebrates its homecoming against Lindenwood at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

## Soccer dominates SBU after tough loss

**Colin Miller**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University men's soccer team dropped its first conference match of the season at home against No. 21 Lindenwood in a close, 1-0 encounter on Thursday, Sept. 27, but rebounded with a 7-0 dismantling of Southwest Baptist the following Saturday. Both games were played at the Fort Hays Soccer Stadium.

Against Lindenwood, Fort Hays was unable to create much offensively. The Tigers were outshot by the Lions 13-7 and had two shots on goal, both from outside defenders. Fort Hays conceded in the 58th minute on a corner as the unmarked Lindenwood striker headed past freshman keeper **Kent Freund**. The loss drops the Tigers to No. 3 in the MIAA.

Fort Hays had little difficulty finding the goal against Southwest Baptist, putting seven goals into the net in a match that was mostly one-way traffic.

The Tigers started the scoring in the seventh minute as senior **Tomas Mares** converted from the penalty spot to give the Tigers the early lead. Fort Hays doubled the lead in the 28th minute as they capitalized on one of three chances in front of the goal.

First, a pass from freshman **Tanner Brock** sent fellow junior **Diego Cabral** into a one-on-one with the keeper who was able to palm away Cabral's effort. Seconds later, Mares found freshman **Austin Clifton** in front of goal, but he sent his effort wide. Finally, Mares found an unmarked **Michael Cole** behind the defense. Cole didn't hesitate to slot past the keeper and give the Tigers another goal.

Cole continued to create opportunities for the first half, almost chipping

the keeper and heading just wide to nearly double his tally. The Tigers went into the halftime break with the 2-0 lead.

The Tigers put away five more goals in a 16-minute stretch to solidify the win. Fort Hays' third goal caught most people by surprise as junior **Emmanuel Brown** sent a long cross into the area, attempting to find Mares. It appeared Brown's effort fell into the keeper's hands, but he fumbled the long effort back into his own net to make the lead 3-0.

Clifton in the 59th minute collected a weak clearance from SBU and fired a shot across the goal to beat the keeper and make the advantage 4. Tanner Brock got his first career goal only seconds after Clifton's effort as he tried his luck from 30 yards out and beat the SBU keeper.

Clifton got his brace in the 64th minute as he received a pass from Mares at the top of the 18 and was given plenty of time to rip a shot past the keeper.

Mares got his double next as he received a Cabral pass in space and tested the SBU defense. Mares took a long touch into the box and fired a low shot across the keeper's far side to make the advantage 7-0.

At this point, head coach Brett Parker began playing most of the reserves of the team. Freshmen **Clay Black**, **Matthew O'Reilly**, **Rodrigo Nassuno-Alves**, and sophomores **Jacob Sayre**, **Jose Cespedes**, and junior **AJ Harris** were able to put in minutes – many of them for the first time all season – and contribute to the dominant performance.

Black and Harris, along with somewhat more regular substitute freshmen **Addison Pauler**, **Kyle Markovits** and **Joe Albright** had opportunities to find the net,

but were unlucky in their efforts.

Despite the scoreline, Fort Hays still had areas of improvement.

"First half, we got two early goals and we took our foot off the pedal. Second half, we came out with intensity and we put the game away right away," Parker said.

The Tigers are without some key players, including freshmen **Jacob Rangel**, **Carlos Linares**, and senior **Daniel Peralta**. The gaps, while worrying to Parker, provide him the opportunity to test the team's depth.

"You always worry about depth and injuries and everyone has to go through them but it's up to the next guy to step up," Parker said.

Fort Hays' depth was on display with the introduction of almost every team member. It was a fitting reward for the players who go without much playtime.

"It's always good to get guys who work hard but don't get the chance to play in every game to get the reward for all the time they put in," Parker said.

After his first Tiger goal, Brock was almost at a loss for words. The defensive midfielder commented on his emotions after the match.

"It was my first career goal, so I enjoyed it a lot. I'm not used to feeling it, so it felt pretty good," Brock said.

Fort Hays also recorded its first shutout of the year, a stat that Brock hopes will propel the Tigers forward.

"It was big, I thought. Coming in next week, we've got two big games, so getting this shutout gives us confidence, so hopefully we can shut these next two teams out," Brock said.

The Tigers will continue play at home tomorrow against Eastern New Mexico and Sunday against West Texas A&M.



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Sophomore Taylor Mares sets the ball on an easy return. The Tigers are 13-6 overall and 3-3 in the MIAA.

## Women end losing streak

**Carleigh Albers**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University volleyball team had an overall good weekend, making their record 13-6 overall and 3-3 in the MIAA.

On Sept. 28, the Tigers fought against Washburn University but lost. The first set was a tight match-up against Fort Hays and the Lady Blues. The teams were tied closely until Washburn broke the spell and increased with three points. The Tigers came close behind, but lost the first set 25-23.

The second set was similar, but this time Washburn accelerated by four points. The Lady Blues took the set 25-21.

The third set against

Washburn was another tight match. The Tigers came out strong with a 10-point lead, but Washburn was a fierce competitor.

Fort Hays tried to push for a fourth set but Washburn overpowered them in a tie due to errors made by Fort Hays. Unfortunately, the Tigers couldn't push for the extra point. Throughout the match, sophomore **Taylor Mares** led the team with 14 kills. Sophomore **Madison Schwartz** trailed behind her with 10 kills.

On Sept. 29, the team battled against the Emporia State University Hornets. The team broke Emporia's 13-game winning streak in their rivalry since 2004, smothering the Hornets with winning sets of 25-23, 25-18, 25-18, and 25-20 in the

last set.

Junior **Jenna Ulrich** was on her best performance during the match, with her best playing in the last set. She placed a match high of 18 kills, her second-best of the season, without a single error.

Senior **Kayla Zoglman** had a team high of 51 assists during the match.

On Monday, Oct. 1, Ulrich was named MIAA volleyball hitter of the week for her tremendous skills during the matches against Emporia and Washburn.

Ulrich has the most kills with no errors made by a Fort Hays player. The last time the record was broken with no errors was in 1998.

The Tigers travel on Friday and Saturday to Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo., to play in a tournament.



# Tigers earn sixth season shutout

**Colin Miller**  
THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

The Fort Hays State University women's soccer team came away with two crucial MIAA wins at home over the weekend. First was the defeat of Washburn University by a 3-1 scoreline on Friday, Sept. 28. It was followed up with a 2-0 win over Emporia State.

Halfway through their season, the Tigers have already tallied more wins this year than last as they finished 6-11-1.

The Tigers did an excellent job of controlling Washburn. They outshot the Ichabods 9-2 in the first half and were far better in terms of ball movement and possession. This wasn't reflected in the first half score as Washburn went into the half with a 1-0 lead, as their only goal came from a lapse in Fort Hays' defense.

The Tigers were unlucky in their first half effort, but their scoring dry spell didn't last.

It took four minutes after the break for Fort Hays to level the score. Senior **Sade Humphrey** received a smart through ball from freshman **Alex Aiman** and cut her shot across the face of goal. Though the Washburn keeper managed

to get a hand to the shot, her effort wasn't enough to deny Humphrey the goal and the Tigers' equaled the advantage.

Ten minutes later, Humphrey returned the favor when she worked a quick give-and-go with Aiman as the center midfielder, turned and fired from outside the box and put the Tigers in the lead for the first time of the game.

Fort Hays' short passing game was on full display for the game. The Tigers finished the scoring in the 63rd minute on a series of connected passes between freshmen Aiman, **Dani Harris**, **Jordan Hester** and seniors **Bethany Keefer** and junior **Cindy Benitez**.

The play ended with Benitez releasing Hester into space in front of the goal. After her first attempt was saved, Hester collected and easily slotted home to make the scoreline 3-1.

Fort Hays was unfortunate not to continue the scoring as several Tigers went close. Keefer shot just wide of the mark, Aiman rattled a shot off the post, sophomore **Margaret Meier** narrowly missed on a one-on-one with the WU keeper, and freshmen **Kylie Watson** and **Kylee Loneker** both had near misses.

Watson had her break-away goal denied by a last second save and Loneker's headed-in corner fell too close to the keeper and was collected without trouble.

The hero for Fort Hays was its backline, led by sophomore **Jamie Babyak** and freshmen **Harris**, **Chandler Zitzmann** and **Gabrielle Makatura**. Zitzmann's enforcing presence in the back managed to slow much of the Ichabod's attack, while Babyak put her body in the way and blocked several attempts at goal.

The Tigers held Washburn thanks to the spectacular keeping of sophomore **Nicole Barnaba**, as she was forced to make fingertip saves on several occasions to deny the Washburn attack the opportunity to equalize.

After the match, Shaw spoke about the run of play in the two halves.

"The display out there in the second half was amazing. We did really, really well," Shaw said.

After her dominant performance in the goal, Barnaba was pleased with the result. She attributed her performance both to the team's great defensive efforts and its mental focus.

"Coming into this game,

I had a lot to think about and I felt really confident. I always do with the backline we have. We communicate really well. Obviously there are shaky moments, but that's soccer," Barnaba said.

Fort Hays faced Emporia State on Sunday. Looking ahead to the match, Shaw commented on Emporia.

"They'll come in and be very physical. They'll be dangerous," Shaw said.

Shaw's prediction was spot-on as Fort Hays battled Emporia State in what proved to be a very physical match. The two teams played an evenly-matched first half that saw plenty of strong challenges and questionable calls. The teams went into the break with a scoreless draw.

The Tigers came out strong from the break and immediately set the tone for the remaining 45 minutes.

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was able to turn to goal and fire home.

Fort Hays finished the scoring with three minutes remaining as Loneker intercepted at the midfield line and carried into the Emporia State defensive third. Loneker released Humphrey, who was able to return to the match despite an injury sustained after a collision with the ESU keeper, on the left wing.

Humphrey had plenty of options in the box as the Fort Hays counterattack made it a 5-on-1 situation. She picked out freshman **Ember Albertson** who, unmarked at the back post, smashed her shot into the net to make the advantage 2-0.

Humphrey tallied a goal and an assist for each of the matches and leads the Fort Hays scoring with six goals, five of which have come in the last four games. For her efforts, Humphrey has been named the MIAA Women's Soccer Athlete of the Week.

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ethic was demonstrated in the crucial wins.

"I'm really excited for the girls; they've worked hard and really deserve it. The way we play soccer, we deserve to win games. It's great we could dig out that second half and put the ball in the back of the net," Shaw said.

Centerback Babyak reflected on the success over the weekend and of the year all thus far.

"We beat our goal. Our goal was five shutouts this year and we're at six, so our defense has gotten a lot better," Babyak said.

In her second year, Babyak has been tasked with leading the Tiger backline through a strong offensive conference. Despite some friction, she has transitioned well into the role.

"At the beginning of the year it was kind of nerve-racking for me because I'm kind of quiet, but I've gotten used to it and I've gotten louder throughout the year and gotten more comfortable, so it's working out so far," Babyak said.

Fort Hays has a tough week ahead as they travel to Central Oklahoma tomorrow. The Tigers will face Northeastern State the following Sunday.

## Arizona starts off 4-0 as Romo fails to impress

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*COMMENTARY*

"Romo": to choke under pressure or fail to win "the big one." In a sentence, "Man, he really Romeo'd that game last night." In noun form: "They are winning, but there is still enough time for him to pull a Romo."

The Cowboys played the Monday night game this past week, and once again, Tony Romo choked under pressure. This has become a regular occurrence for the Cowboys over the last seven seasons, and it will continue to happen as long as Romo is their quarterback.

I stated before the season that this would be Romo's last in Dallas, and if he continues to play this way, this prediction will come to fruition.

On the opposite side of the win-loss spectrum, Arizona is 4-0, despite giving up over 400 passing yards to a rookie quarterback. Arizona's defense is one of the best in football, but Kevin Kolb is far too inconsistent in his position to lead this team to the playoffs.

Arizona is destined to fall apart in the near future, and it will begin with Thursday's game in St. Louis. Three of the four

wins Arizona has racked up have been at home, and the Cardinals are not good enough to win on the road during a short week. The Rams will win this game and send the Cardinals home to begin their regular streak of losses.

In the "Mile High City," the Broncos finally looked like a complete team in a dominant victory over the Raiders. The Broncos controlled the line of scrimmage with ease on both sides of the ball, allowing Peyton Manning to pick apart the Raiders' defense.

Giving Manning this much time is never a good idea for a team that wants a victory, and the Raiders need to find their identity if they want to make something of themselves for the rest of the season.

I love watching the 49ers' offense under second year offensive coordinator Greg Roman. Not only have they been dominant in the three weeks they were victorious, but it seems they have been doing so by using mind games against their opponents. They figure out what the other team wants to do and show them that they can do it better.

The perfect example of this occurred this past weekend against the Jets when they used the Wildcat offense, which the Jets were supposed to have perfected by bringing in Tim

Tebow and Tony Sparano during the offseason, against them more effectively than the Jets have used it all season.

Backup quarterback Colin Kaepernick torched the Jets defense in cameo appearance by rushing for 50 yards and a touchdown on five carries. The crazy part is that we have not seen all of their weapons yet, because their first two draft picks, A.J. Jenkins and LaMichael James, have not seen game time and Brandon Jacobs has been out with injury throughout the regular season. This is a team that is going to get better in the weeks ahead.

Five quick thoughts that need to be mentioned before week five begins: A.J. Green is the best receiver in football right now; the Vikings are for real; the Texans could easily clinch their division by week 10. It is not time for Tebow: He played just as bad as Sanchez, and when the officials get a standing ovation before the game begins, you know the fans have been through some horrendous times.

Seriously, as a registered basketball official, I can tell you that nobody likes a referee. The world has turned upside-down, but football is as it should be.

Get ready for week five, football fans. It should be another great one.

## Tigers place first in race

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Both the men and the women of the Fort Hays State University cross-country team controlled the Emporia State Cross-Country Invitational last Friday and took first place. The men dominated with 32 points, beating second-place Park University by 101 points. The women scored 42 points.

Finishing second individually was sophomore **Cory**

**Keehn** with a time of 24:47. Close behind were seniors **Alex Hendee** and **Tanner Christensen** in fifth and sixth respectively. Hendee ran the 8K in 25:11. Christensen trailed behind with a time of 25:38.

Running with a time of 25:55 was sophomore **Chris Ramsgard** to finish ninth. Trailing by three seconds for a time of 25:58 was sophomore **Michael Wolf** for tenth place.

For the women, three runners finished in the top 10

individually. In fourth place was senior **Gentry Linscott** with a time of 18:22. Sophomore **Alex Nelson** and junior **Carman Hill** took eighth with 18:46 and ninth with 18:49 respectively.


After completing the invitational, Linscott was named MIAA Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Week.

The men and women will run the Fort Hays Tiger Open at 9 a.m. on Saturday in Victoria at the Sand Plum Nature Trail.

# Intramural Indoor Volleyball

**Men's/Women's/Co. Rec entries are due Thursday, October 11th**

**Captains' Meeting will be held the 11th in Cunningham Hall room 143 at 4:30 P.M.**



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